MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

JANUARY 15, 2013

INVOCATION:
Larry Cooney of the Santa Maria Rescue Mission gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Zuniga, Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, City Librarian Housel, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Police Commander Greene, Deputy City Manager Barnhard, Deputy City Manager Lara, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. PROCLAMATION – RESPECT FOR LIFE WEEK.
Councilmember Orach read a proclamation declaring the week of January 20 – 26, 2013, as "Respect for Life Week" in the City of Santa Maria. The proclamation was accepted by Jan Rush.

B. VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH.
Councilmember Zuniga presented a gift to Tom Elderding, President of the Friends of the Orcutt Library, for their commitment and hours of volunteer work raising funds for the new Orcutt Library project and for their help moving into the new library. City Librarian Housel also thanked the Friends of the Orcutt Library for their dedication and community spirit.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
Ernest Armenta commented on Councilmember Orach's past comments and voting history, indicating that he has changed his thinking for filling the vacant Council seat.. He encouraged Mayor Patino to break the stalemate on an appointment to the Council.

Fran Forman, Community Action Commission (CAC), congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and new Mayor Patino. She discussed the services provided by CAC and brought materials for display. She indicated that CAC has had great representation on its board and recommends reappointing Mike Cordero to the board. She indicated that the Council's representative on CAC need not be a Councilmember.

Nancy Stewart commented that the signs, applause, and comments from the audience were distracting and lacking respect for the meeting process. She asked the public to have respect for their fellow citizens.

Richard Mitchell commented on a faded City of Santa Maria welcome sign off the freeway which shows little pride for the City. He indicated that he has spoken with past and present Councilmembers about it, and the sign remains. He also commented on the lack of regard for law and order with traffic violations and code enforcement violations. He indicated that there was a lack of patrol officers in the Westgate neighborhood.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmembers Boysen indicated that he had a conflict and would be abstaining from voting on Item 3C, Payment of Warrants.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3E (except 3C) were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Consent Calendar Item 3C was approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Boysen

A. ORDINANCES.
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES.
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 18, 2012, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS.
Warrant Nos. 176765 to 177310 totaling $4,607,933.52 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 169820, 175644, 176635, 176679, and 170007 were cancelled.

D. PAYROLL.
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

E. HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2013-01 ratifying a Habitat Conservation Fund Grant agreement for $36,661 over three years, authorizing the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept and expend the grant funds for educational programs at Los Flores Ranch Park (Los Flores), and authorizing the Director of Administrative Services to set-up an account for the grant funding.

Resolution No. 2013-01 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING A HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AND ACCEPTING AND EXPENDING FUNDS FOR A LOS FLORES RANCH PARK EDUCATION PROGRAM (PROJECT #HL-42-001).

4. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FOR CENTENNIAL SQUARE, FILE NOS. GPZ-2012-0002, PD-2012-0003, E-2012-0022, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MILLER STREET AND PLAZA DRIVE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 128-066-003 (6.35 Acres). Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz indicated that the applicant submitted a written request asking for the Public Hearing to be continued to February 5, 2013.

The City Council approved the continuance and the Public Hearing was set for the meeting of February 5, 2013.

5. COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING FILLING OF THE VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT.
City Manager Haydon gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. He outlined the options available to fill the vacant City Council seat. The City had experienced vacancies of the Councilmembers' seats four times in the past 20 years. All four vacancies were filled by appointment, rather than by special election because of the cost associated with conducting a special election. Three of the four vacancies were filled by the Council appointing the third highest vote-getter in the General Election, and one vacancy was appointed by Council after soliciting applications from interested individuals. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36512, the City Council shall, within 60 days from the commencement of a vacancy, either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy. The three options the Council has to fill the vacancy are: 1) adopt Resolution No. 2013-02 making an immediate appointment to fill the vacant unexpired two-year term of office on the City Council; 2) direct staff to advertise the vacancy and accept applications from interested persons to be interviewed and appointed on February 5, 2013, to fill the unexpired two-year term of office on the City Council; or 3) adopt Resolution Nos. 2013-03, 2013-04, and 2013-05 calling for the holding of a Special Municipal Election to be held on June 4, 2013, for the election of one member of the City Council to fill an unexpired term of two-years, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to conduct a Special Municipal Election, and setting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to Candidates' Statements submitted to the voters at a Special Municipal Election.

Mayor Patino made an announcement about conduct in the Council meetings, and asked that clapping, yelling, applause, booing, or anything that would be considered disorderly and disruptive discontinue.

She asked the audience to be civil during discourse this evening and warned that if anyone disrupted the meeting, they would be removed from the Chambers.

Public Comment:
Sonya Haifi, Stephen La Grange, Diego Hernandez, and Mike Cordero each spoke in support of the appointment of Mike Cordero to fill the unexpired term on the City Council.

Terri Stricklin, Kathy Brown, Henry Grennan, and Bob Morrison each spoke in support of the immediate appointment of Etta Waterfield to fill the unexpired term on the City Council.

David Gomez, Ernest Armenta, and Jose Castellanos each spoke in support of the Council calling a Special Election.

Helen Galvan representing LULAC and John Raymond spoke in support of the application process to fill the vacancy or for calling a Special Election.

Marlin Brown spoke about Councilmembers who accept campaign contributions and the potential of appointing another Councilmember who was supported by the Police Officer's Association.

Bob Morrison also suggested that a policy be implemented to address future vacancies on the City Council.

Mayor Patino asked that a letter from Sister Janet Corcoran be read into the record. The letter was read by Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz which provided prayers for the Council's decision in filling the vacant Council seat. Additionally, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz indicated that two other written communications were received encouraging the acceptance of applications to fill the Council vacancy from Joan Leon and Patricia Solorio; and one written communication was received encouraging the immediate appointment of Mike Cordero to fill the Council vacancy from Larry Ralston.

Council Discussion:
Councilmember Boysen asked about the additional option should the Council not take action to adopt resolutions calling for a special election.

City Manager Haydon responded that another option was taking no action which would leave four Councilmembers until the next municipal election in November 2014.

Councilmember Zuniga commented that she appreciated everyone's opinions. She indicated that the election for the City Council seat had concluded, and the most transparent option would be to receive applications. Her position remained unchanged.

Councilmember Orach commented that the City just had an election, and he assumed that those that wanted to vote did. He commented again about being contacted by Bruce Corsaw, President of the SEIU Local 620, on election night indicating that he heard there were backroom deals being made and that the Council better appoint the third highest vote-getter to fill the vacancy which at the time was Terri Zuniga. Those same people now indicate that former Councilmember Cordero should be appointed or accept applications, and not appoint the third highest vote-getter. Councilmember Orach stated that some candidates received investments in their campaigns by some of the bargaining units. Investments expect returns. He still supports appointing Etta Waterfield. His position remained unchanged. He also spoke about the criteria suggested for an appointment to the Council; he would support appointing former Mayor Lavagnino or former Councilmember Marty Mariscal.

Mayor Patino said complete transparency would be to hold a special election; however, she cannot support spending $200,000 that the City does not have on an election. She indicated that an appointment should be made this evening. She stated that there had been discussions about having the best qualified person appointed to fill the vacancy. She indicated that she was not sure if the current seated Council was necessarily the best or most qualified for the job either. She also commented that if Councilmember Zuniga was in the third position she would support her being appointed.

Mayor Patino confirmed that there was still a consensus of the Council that holding a Special Election was not one of the options it was going to consider.

Option #2: A motion was made by Councilmember Boysen, and seconded by Councilmember Zuniga to direct staff to advertise the vacancy and accept applications from interested persons to be interviewed and appointed on February 5, 2013, to fill the unexpired two-year term of office on the City Council. The motion failed to pass on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen and Zuniga
NOES: Councilmembers Orach and Mayor Patino
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

City Attorney Trujillo spoke about the requirements of the Government Code to make an appointment within 60 days of the vacancy or call a special election by February 15, 2013. If the Council took no action to appoint or call a special election, any interested person could bring a Writ of Mandate action against the City Council to compel it to call a special election. The Council could continue with four members until the next General Municipal Election in November 2014, unless it was challenged before then in Court.

Councilmember Orach asked who would then pay for the special election if the City was compelled by the Court to hold a special election.

City Attorney Trujillo responded that the City would be obligated to pay for the special election.

Councilmember Zuniga commented that she had no intention of denigrating her seat on the City Council, or to shame or embarrass those that helped her. She indicated that she did not previously respond to Councilmember Orach's comments about her receiving contributions from bargaining units. She was proud to say that she received contributions from SEIU, Firefighters Local 2020, and SMPOA, and was not going to run from those endorsements. The supposition that the bargaining units have bought something from her was a slap in the face to them and an insult to her.

Councilmember Boysen indicated that Councilmember Orach suggested that maybe a compromise was necessary. Although he would have preferred the compromise to come through the application process, he suggested that the Council consider Recreation and Parks Commissioner Gayle Pratt for appointment to the Council. He indicated that he had spoken with her and she was reluctant to put her name forward first. Commissioner Pratt has expressed that the Council should appoint the next highest vote-getter. Councilmember Boysen highlighted Commissioner Pratt's experience.

A motion was made by Councilmember Boysen, and seconded by Councilmember Zuniga to adopt Resolution No. 2013-02 making the immediate appointment of Recreation and Parks Commissioner Gayle Pratt to fill the vacant unexpired two-year term of office on the City Council. The motion failed to pass on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen and Zuniga
NOES: Councilmembers Orach and Mayor Patino
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Haydon suggested that the Council continue the item to the meeting of February 5, 2013.

Councilmember Orach asked if there was anything precluding the holding of a special meeting to discuss this item if necessary.

City Manager Haydon confirmed that there was nothing to prevent the holding of a special meeting if necessary.

Councilmember Boysen asked if there was a need to continue the item.

City Manager Haydon responded that Councilmember Boysen had put forward a compromise with the name of Gayle Pratt. It was the first time that it had been presented to the Council before this evening. Mr. Haydon stated that Councilmember Orach also mentioned a couple of names, so it seemed like there could still be some options. There could be a person's name presented that could elicit three votes on the City Council. He suggested that one more attempt be made at a solution.

Motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Mayor Patino, to continue the discussion regarding filling the vacant City Council seat to February 5, 2013, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Zuniga, Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Patino called a short recess at 8:14 p.m., and reconvened the meeting with all Councilmembers present at 8:20 p.m.

6. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES. Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. The City Council considered appointments to the Landmark Committee, the Santa Maria Community Television Board of Directors, the Block Grants Advisory Committee, the Recreation and Parks Commission, the Planning Commission, the Measure U2012 Citizen's Oversight Committee, and the All-America City Committee.

Landmark Committee
There are two members needed for the Landmark Committee for terms of three years each ending in January 2016. The appointments are to be made by Mayor Patino with ratification by the City Council. One incumbent reapplied, and one new application was received.

- Incumbent JoAnn Wilson was reappointed by Mayor Patino
- Sandra Valdez was appointed Mayor Patino

On motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried unanimously. The appointments were confirmed.

Santa Maria Community Television Board of Directors
One appointment is necessary for the Santa Maria Community Television Board of Directors. Incumbent Mark van de Kamp reapplied. No other applications were also received.

- Incumbent Mark van de Kamp was reappointed by Mayor Patino.

Ernest Armenta asked about appointing members to City boards who are not City residents. He suggested that all board and committee appointees be required to be City residents. He was opposed to the appointment of Mark van de Kamp because he is not a City resident.

In response to Mr. Armenta's question, City Manager Haydon replied that there were a number of boards and committees that do not require residency.

On motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried unanimously. The appointment was confirmed.

Block Grants Advisory Committee
Two members to the Block Grants Advisory Committee were needed, each to fill unexpired terms, one ending in July 2014, and one ending in July 2015. The nominations to fill both vacancies were to be made by Councilmember Orach. The appointments are made by the Mayor with ratification by the City Council. Incumbents Robin Hayhurst and Michael Madriaga previously resigned. Two new applications were received from Roy Allen and Lulzim Traga.

Councilmember Orach indicated that he would like to receive additional applications for consideration. Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz was directed to readvertise the two vacancies.

Recreation and Parks Commission
There were three vacancies on the Recreation and Parks Commission. Applications were received from Incumbents Bruno Brunello and Kirk Spry, and new applications were received from Henry Grennan, Laura Henderson, and Lawrence Perales. The appointments are made by the Mayor with ratification by the City Council. Each appointee will serve a four-year term or coterminous with the nominating Councilmember's term.

- Incumbent Kirk Spry was nominated by Councilmember Orach.
- Henry Grennan was nominated to serve a four year term by Mayor Patino, vacating his seat leaving a vacancy for an unexpired term ending in January 2015. The unexpired vacancy will be advertised.
- Laura Henderson was nominated by Councilmember Zuniga.

Mayor Patino accepted the nominations on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga. The appointments were confirmed with a unanimous vote.

Planning Commission
There were three vacancies on the Planning Commission. Applications were received from Incumbents Rodger Brown, Tom Lopez, and Michael Moats. New applications were received from Adrian Andrade, Robert Dickerson, Ken George, Jack Owen, Jr., Hazel Putney, and Mark Santiago. A seventh applicant, Mary Jane Marlow, withdrew her application from consideration. The appointments are made by the Mayor with ratification by the City Council. Each appointee will serve a four-year term or coterminous with the nominating Councilmember's term.

- Adrian Andrade was nominated by Councilmember Zuniga.
- Robert Dickerson was nominated by Mayor Patino.
- Incumbent Michael Moats was nominated by Councilmember Orach.

Mayor Patino accepted the nominations on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga. The appointments were confirmed with a unanimous vote.

Measure U2012 Citizen's Oversight Committee
Five new members were needed for the newly formed Measure U2012 Citizen's Oversight Committee for four-year terms and/or coterminous with the nominating Councilmember's term. One nomination each will be made by Councilmember Boysen and the new City Councilmember, when filled, to fill two terms ending in January 2015 or coterminous with the nominating Councilmember's term; and one nomination each will be made by Councilmembers Orach and Zuniga, and by Mayor Patino to fill three terms ending in January 2017 or coterminous with the nominating Councilmember's term. Members must be City residents. Current City of Santa Maria employees, officials, contractors or vendors may not be members. Former employees, officials or vendors may be eligible to serve on the Oversight Committee, provided that no conflicts of interest exist. Members are nominated by individual Councilmembers and confirmed by the City Council. Applications were received from Trent Benedetti, Mario Chavarria, Jack Owen, Jr., Aaron Pankratz, John Peters, and Alesia Yglesias.

- Trent Benedetti was nominated by Mayor Patino to serve a term ending in January 2017.
- Jack Owen, Jr. was nominated by Councilmember Zuniga to serve a term ending in January 2017.

Councilmembers Boysen and Orach requested to have their appointments postponed to readvertise and receive additional applications.

On motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, the appointments were confirmed with a unanimous vote.

All-America City Committee
There are three vacancies on the All-America City Committee for regular terms of two years each ending in January 2015. Nominations are to be made for the expiring terms by Councilmembers Orach and Zuniga, and Mayor Patino. The appointments are to be made by the Mayor with ratification by the City Council. Applications were received from Incumbents Esther Acosta, August (Bud) Narachi, and Karen Sanchez. New applications were received from Joylyn Castaing and Shannon McCreery.

- Shannon McCreery was nominated by Councilmember Zuniga.
- Incumbent August (Bud) Narachi was nominated by Mayor Patino.
- Incumbent Karen Sanchez was nominated by Councilmember Orach.

Mayor Patino accepted the nominations on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach. The appointments were confirmed with a unanimous vote.

In June 2012, the All-America City Committee was reorganized to reduce the membership of the committee from nine members to five. The remaining membership at the time of the reorganization left former Councilmember Patino and Councilmember Orach each with two nominations. It was discussed at that time to make any reappointments or new appointments to the committee as the terms expired. Council reassigned the two remaining members on the Committee with unexpired terms ending in January 2014 to Councilmember Boysen and to the vacant Councilmember.

- Bailey Hudson was reassigned to Councilmember Boysen through the remainder of the term ending in January 2014.
- Tahir Masood was reassigned to the new Councilmember when seated through the remainder of the term ending in January 2014.

On motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried unanimously. The appointments and reassignments were confirmed.

Shannon McCreery, Adrian Andrade, Jack Owen, Jr., August Narachi, Laura Henderson, and Trent Benedetti each spoke before the City Council and thanked them for the opportunity to serve on their respective committees.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REQUIRING COUNCIL REPRESENTATION. City Manager Haydon gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. Staff has conferred with Mayor Patino regarding Councilmember assignments to the various boards, commissions, and committees. Mayor Patino requested that the following appointments be made:

Agency	Appointee/Alternate
SBC Association of Governments	Patino/TBD at a later time
Air Pollution Control District	Patino/TBD at a later time
Central Coast Water Authority	Boysen/Sweet
Multi-jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Force	Boysen/TBD at a later time
Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H)	Boysen/Zuniga
Investment Oversight Committee	Boysen
Community Action Commission	Zuniga
Schools Quarterly Roundtable Committee	Patino/Orach
Airport/Council Informational Committee	Patino/Orach
Breeze Police Action Committee	Orach

On motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried unanimously. All appointments were confirmed.

6. DISCUSSION OF THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR ALL CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES. City Manager Haydon gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. Each year, the City Council makes appointments to various City Boards, Commissions and Committees. As authorized by City Council Policy #88-2, which was subsequently revised by City Council Policy #95-1, the current appointment process is that board members are nominated by individual Councilmembers, appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by a majority of the City Council (including the Mayor). There are four City boards that individual Councilmembers make a nomination, the Mayor appoints, and the City Council confirms the appointment: 1) All-America City Committee; 2) Block Grants Advisory Committee; 3) Planning Commission; and 4) Recreation & Parks Commission. The Measure U2012 Citizen's Oversight Committee was the only committee where individual Councilmembers make a nomination and the City Council confirms the appointment. Back in September 2012, Councilmember Boysen requested that staff look into all board appointments and place an item on a future agenda to change the process by which appointments were made to various boards, commissions and committees. Councilmember Boysen voiced his concern about the Mayor making the appointments and indicated that he would prefer that individual Councilmembers make nominations and the majority of the City Council confirm the appointments. Staff was directed to bring the issue back for further discussion. Staff was asking for direction as to whether or not there was consensus on the City Council to change the established process for appointing members of the public to various boards.

Public Input:
Ernest Armenta commented that the Board of Appeals should be reduced from seven to five members and to increase the board members on Santa Maria Community Television Board (SMCTV) from three members to five so each Councilmember could make an appointment. He agreed with the change of the policy, and indicated that all of the boards should be included and each Councilmember have the opportunity to appointment a member. He commented that the public at-large should also be able to sit on the Board of Appeals.

City Manager Haydon responded about Mr. Armenta's remarks to having the Board of Appeals decrease its membership. He explained the need to have seven members, and that it acts as a hearing body to the decisions made by the City's Building Official. The Board of Appeals represents all of the various trades in the Uniform Building Code, and two members are special purpose members who represent those that are physically handicapped.

Council Discussion:
Councilmember Orach asked when the last time the Board of Appeals met.

City Manager Haydon responded that the Board of Appeals met approximately three-years ago.

Councilmember Boysen agrees with staff's recommendation in keeping the Board of Appeals and the SMCTV Board as they were. He supports the individual Councilmember appointments to the boards, with ratification by the full Council. He commented that the reason for the item was that the Mayor currently had the right of veto for all appointments.

Councilmember Zuniga commented that having a policy and a process in place for the future was needed even though there had not previously been an issue with the Mayor appointing members and the Council ratifying the appointments. She indicated that there needed to be diversity on the various boards and committees to provide a good representation by all of the City Council members for the community.

Mayor Patino commented that the process for appointments to the boards and committees should remain as it currently is. As Mayor, she indicated that one of her responsibilities was appointments to the various boards. She took them very seriously and needed to look at the City as a whole, and not at special interest groups. The boards should move in a positive direction with no obstruction. She was opposed to changing the process. Mayor Patino commented that the Mayor had always made the appointments. She stated that she saw it as a fundamental checks and balances, and saw no need to change the practice. The Government Code sets forth that the Mayor shall make all appointments.

Councilmember Zuniga asked about Mayor Patino's inquiring into her appointments and interviewing criteria for choosing her nominees. She asked if she actually interviewed any of her nominees.

Mayor Patino responded that Councilmember Zuniga's list was received too late and that she could not interview the nominees. She indicated that the only reason she wanted the criteria was so that she did not overlook her reasoning. Her criteria may be different than Councilmember Zuniga's and she wanted to be respectful of her criteria.

A motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga to provide direction to staff to return on February 5, 2013, with an ordinance amending the Santa Maria Municipal Code and implementing a new process for appointments to City Boards, Commissions and Committees, thereby allowing members to be nominated by individual Councilmembers and then confirmed by the City Council failed to pass on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen and Zuniga
NOES: Councilmember Orach and Mayor Patino
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager Haydon reported on items anticipated for the February 5, 2013, City Council Meeting, including a public hearing regarding the Centennial Square Project for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, the filling of the Council vacancy, a professional services agreement with Black Board Connect, and an FPPC ticket policy.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
Councilmember Orach reported that he attended a meeting at LAFCO on January 3, 2013. He indicated that Bob Braitman, Executive Director, had resigned, and the Board was looking into a succession plan.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended her first SBCAG and APCD meetings. She also attended the Transportation Committee meeting where they discussed the bridge.

There were no other reports of Councilmembers.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code with Agency Representative: Deputy City Manager and Employee Organizations: Santa Maria Police Officers Assoc. (SMPOA); Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620; Fire Fighters Union Local 2020; Public Safety Managers; Santa Maria Police Association of Middle Management (SMPAMM); and Non-Represented Management and Confidential Employees.

After the Closed Session, the following report was given:

Conference with Labor Negotiator: A status report was given.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Mayor Patino declared the meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:51 p.m. in memory of Frances Beaver.

APPROVED

February 5, 2013
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Alice M. Patino
Madam Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk